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\*Colombia: A well-executed attack on a town in Santander Province on 7 January by a uniformed guerrilla band may signal the commencement of guerrilla operations similar to those of the FALN in Venezuela.

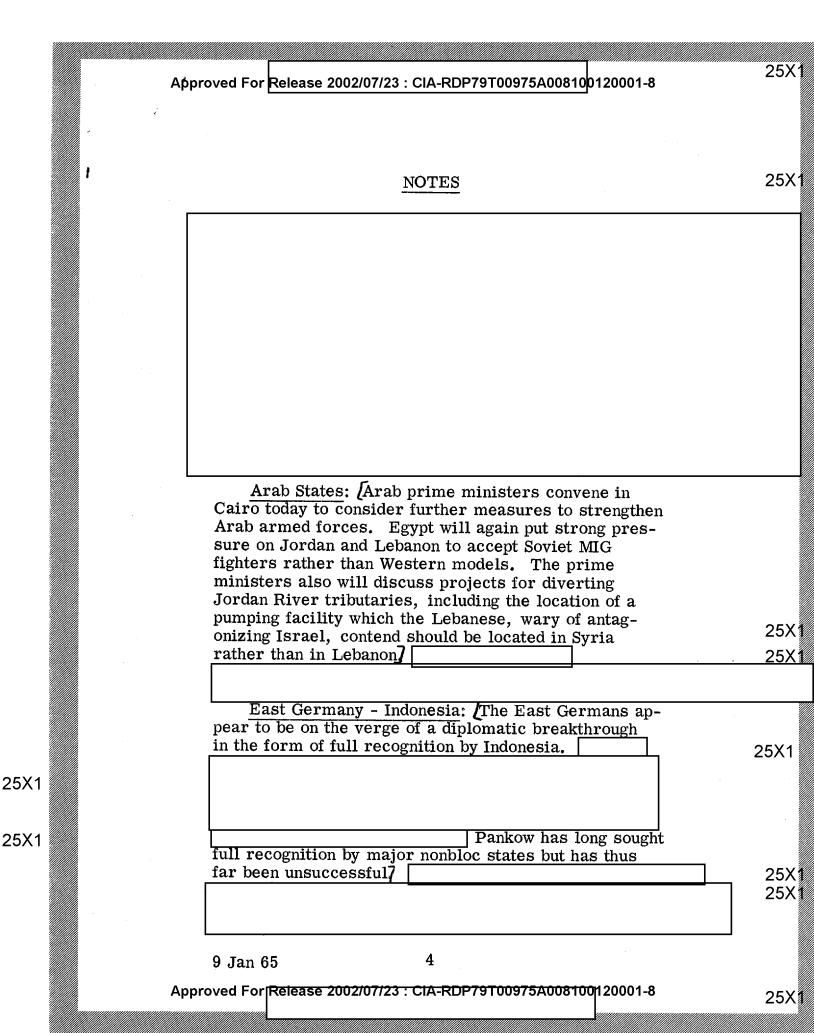
The group, reportedly numbering as many as 100 men, cut communication lines, attacked a police station killing three agents, stole about \$5,000, harangued a captive audience with antigovernment and anti-US propaganda, and killed several soldiers while escaping into the mountains.

Che Guevara and Fidel Castro in recent public addresses have singled out Colombia as well as Venezuela and Guatemala as countries where 'freedom fighters' have the best prospects for success.

The government of President Valencia is already plagued by recurrent financial crises. It also faces the threat of a general strike scheduled for 11 January in protest against an unpopular new sales tax.

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Syria: The Baathist military regime has adopted drastic new security measures, apparently in response to rumors that Syrian merchants were planning a strike for today protesting the regime's recent nationalization measures. A special military court has been established which can impose the death penalty for "actions contrary to the application of the socialist system." These moves will probably forestall any immediate demonstrations but will heighten general dissatisfaction with the regime and probably encourage increased coup plotting by various opposition groups.

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